

STEM CELL RESEARCH. FUNDING. BONDS. INITIATIVE CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT AND STATUTE.

PROP

71

ARGUMENT Against Proposition 71

WE SUPPORT STEM CELL RESEARCH, NOT CORPORATE WELFARE

It's wrong to launch a costly new state bureaucracy when vital programs for health, education, and police and fire services are being cut. We cannot afford to pile another \$3 billion in bonded debt on top of a state budget teetering on the edge of financial ruin.

General Fund bond debt will grow from \$33 Billion on May 1, 2004, to a Legislative Accounting Office projection of \$50.75 Billion in debt by June 30, 2005—a staggering 54% increase in just 14 months!

WHO BENEFITS?

Backers will cynically use images of suffering children and people with disabilities in their commercials, but pharmaceutical company executives and venture capitalists contributed \$2.6 million to put this measure on the ballot. By getting taxpayers to fund their corporate research, they stand to make billions with little risk.

NO ACCOUNTABILITY

And who will oversee how this money is spent? According to the fine print, the proponents give themselves power to exempt their "Institute for Regenerative Medicine" from aspects of our California "open meeting" law (specifically passed to stop this kind of backroom deal-making).

Why do proponents want to keep what they are doing a secret? If we're being asked to pay for this research, then it should be freely available to all, not just to those who will be "awarded" special contracts by the "Institute." The initiative also grants the "Institute" power to rewrite California's medical informed consent safeguards.

Most importantly, the fine print specifically prohibits the Governor and Legislature from exercising oversight and control over how this money is spent—or misspent. Even if the state teeters on the brink of financial ruin, our elected

representatives will *still* have to borrow and spend this money, because the proponents are putting this money grab into our Constitution.

BAD MEDICINE

Opponents of this boondoggle include liberals, conservatives, Republicans, Democrats, Independents, medical professionals, and stem cell researchers. We all strongly *support* Stem Cell Research, but *oppose* this blatant taxpayer rip-off that lines the pockets of a few large corporations.

If there was any doubt about the true motives of the corporate promoters of this bond debt, one need only look at what it *doesn't* fund. The fine print does not initially fund adult and cord blood stem cell research. Adult and cord blood stem cell research has already produced more than 74 major medical breakthroughs, but this measure excludes support for these proven areas of research, without a two-thirds vote of the Institute's "working group."

Consider just one example: Cord blood stem cells are being used to treat sickle cell anemia with a staggering success rate of 90%. That's real progress, helping real people, but it may not receive *one penny* from this initiative.

Join with millions of your fellow citizens in demanding an end to "corporate welfare" and bonded debt. This is no time to spend billions we don't have on a self-serving sham.

Vote "NO" on Proposition 71. It's *not* what they say it is.

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REBUTTAL to Argument Against Proposition 71

NOBEL PRIZE WINNING MEDICAL RESEARCHERS, DOCTORS, AND PATIENT GROUPS HAVE STUDIED THIS MEASURE AND URGE: YES on 71.

- Stem cell research is the most promising area of research aimed at finding breakthrough cures for currently incurable diseases and injuries affecting millions of people.
- 71 is a well-designed program to find those cures.
- It's vitally needed because stem cell research is being restricted by politics in Washington.

The claims by opponents are misleading political scare tactics.

71 SUPPORTS ALL TYPES OF STEM CELL RESEARCH—including adult and cord blood stem cell research.

71 FOCUSES ON RESEARCH BY NONPROFIT INSTITUTIONS—NOT CORPORATIONS.

- It's specifically designed to support the type of breakthrough research conducted by universities, medical schools, hospitals, and other nonprofit institutions.

71 REQUIRES PUBLIC ACCOUNTABILITY.

- 71 specifically says the institute overseeing the research MUST COMPLY WITH OPEN MEETING LAWS.
- It requires PUBLIC HEARINGS and INDEPENDENT AUDITS reviewed by the California State Controller

and an independent oversight committee.

71 PROTECTS CALIFORNIA'S BUDGET.

Prop. 71 is a good investment. Studies led by a Stanford University economist project that 71 will generate millions in new state revenues from royalties and new jobs, and that new medical treatments and cures can REDUCE CALIFORNIANS' HEALTH CARE COSTS BY BILLIONS.

71 is endorsed by over 20 Nobel Prize Winning scientists, medical groups representing over 35,000 California doctors and nonprofit disease groups representing millions of suffering patients.

VOTE YES on 71—TO FIND CURES THAT WILL SAVE LIVES.

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